

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1370
By Curtiss

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of David W. O'Conner of Memphis.

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly has honored those outstanding citizens who, during their lifetimes, distinguished themselves as invaluable assets to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the late David W. O'Conner of the City of Memphis Fire Department was most assuredly one such outstanding public servant, who lost his life in the line of duty while protecting others from certain harm; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant O'Conner dedicated nine years of his life to the Memphis Fire Department and truly enjoyed being a firefighter; he evidenced uncommon devotion to his duties, despite the long hours and the uncertain and often dangerous nature of his profession; and

WHEREAS, David W. O'Conner ensured his indelible status as a hero to Tennesseans on the fateful day of April 20, 2005, when he collapsed behind the wheel of Engine Seven while serving and protecting his fellow citizens of the State of Tennessee and the City of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant O'Conner deftly balanced the demands of firefighting and family, and he will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, David W. O'Conner leaves behind a legacy of integrity and bravery in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors, and it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional firefighter and human being who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of David W. O'Conner, reflecting fondly upon his
impeccable character as a firefighter and human being and his stalwart commitment to
protecting and serving his fellow citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences
to the family, friends, and colleagues of David W. O'Conner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.